

A TALE OF TWO PARTIES

Since March 4, 1897, a period of nearly twenty years, the Republican party has administered the government of West Virginia, and most of that time it has had a majority in the legislature. Prior to 1897 the Democratic party had a twenty-six year period of control. Let us take account of the stewardship of the two parties, comparing in parallel columns their achievements in legislation and administration and the things their leaders have done, attempted to do or left undone in the orderly development of the state government and the state institutions. Here is the comparison:

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Abolished the fee system in state offices and turned the fees into the state treasury, saving the state in two offices alone over \$50,000 a year.

Abolished all fees in county offices and put them on a salary basis, saving the various counties of the state over \$250,000 a year.

Provided for county depositories, which shall pay interest on all county funds. Previous to the passage of the county depository act all such interest, if paid, went to the county sheriff.

Reformed the tax laws of the state and put over \$400,000,000 of corporate property on the tax rolls which had previously entirely escaped taxation.

Created a Tax Commissioner's Office, with power to enforce the tax laws; an office which has saved the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Passed the uniform accounting law, requiring an adequate and effective system of accounts to be kept by all officials handling public money.

Wiped out many large and cumbersome boards and condensed their work in the State Board of Control, which has introduced economy and the highest efficiency in all state institutions.

During its period of control trebled the number, extent and scope of the various state institutions, and more than trebled the amount of money paid by the state to help support the local free schools. Of every dollar of taxation collected by the state of West Virginia in the past ten years over 60 cents has gone to the support of the schools and humane institutions.

Enacted the long-promised state-wide primary election law and a stringent corrupt practices act, making it possible for the voters to select as well as elect their party candidates.

Supplementing these nine specific points of comparison of the two party records, it is possible to mention a long list of achievements to the credit of the two decades of Republican rule. Here are some of the things which the Republican party has done, and which the Democratic party devoted itself industriously to leaving undone during its twenty-six years of dominant control of the state government:

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS

Passed the Hydro-Electric law which provides for the development of our water powers under state regulation, to insure public safety, and a return to the state treasury for the valuable water power privileges.

Passed the Workmen's Compensation law, assuring to injured workmen and their dependent families reasonable help and compensation for the injuries of industrial accidents.

Passed the Public Utilities Commission act, creating a court to regulate the service and the charges of the public service corporations of the state.

Under the Workmen's Compensation law the state has paid out over \$1,500,000 to workmen injured in accident and to their families, and done it at an operating expense of less than five per cent cheaper than any accident insurance company is operated in the United States.

Created the State Department of Agriculture and developed a state-wide agricultural extension work.

Passed a Weights and Measures law for the protection of our citizens against fraudulent practices.

Greatly developed the scope and efficiency of the mine inspection service and thereby reduced loss of life from mine disasters.

Organized the department of Sanitation and Public Health on an up-to-date, scientific basis.

Provided agencies for combatting the spread of the great white plague, establishing the tuberculosis sanitarium at Terra Alta.

Organized an efficient Department of Labor with a state-wide system of factory inspection for the protection of working men and women.

This splendid record of achievement, involving the creation of numerous new agencies of government, has been made with a minimum increase of the burden on our taxpayers. West Virginia has a lower cost of state government per capita than that of any of her neighbor commonwealths. The latest United States census bulletin gives West Virginia's per capita cost of state government at \$2.14, that of Virginia at \$3.22, Kentucky at \$3.33, Ohio \$2.63, Maryland \$5.27, Pennsylvania \$3.71. And notwithstanding the frugality and economy with which the state's affairs have been conducted by a long line of Republican administrations it has been possible for us to expend more money on new buildings and improvements for the state schools and institutions during the last two years than in any ten years of the Democratic dispensation. The voters of West Virginia are likely to continue the Republican party in power just as long as its administration of public affairs continues to be both economical and efficient.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Jealously guarded the old fee system whereby "deserving Democrats" were able to pocket large sums of money which are now turned into the state treasury.

Kept the old fee system for county officers making sink-holes of corruption of some of the counties and costing more than \$250,000 annually.

Allowed sheriffs to appropriate or to share with favored banks all interest accruing on public moneys, a considerable source of public revenue which now goes to pay county expenses.

Overburdened the farm and home owner with taxes and allowed the corporate interests practical immunity from taxation.

Tried its level best to abolish the Tax Commissioner's Office and destroy the tax laws when the party had a majority in the house of delegates in 1911.

Tolerated the old hit-or-miss method of keeping public accounts under which dishonest or careless officials had every opportunity to misappropriate public funds. Tolerated the old system of control of state institutions by local boards, now abandoned in all progressive states in favor of centralized administration.

Pursued at all times a penurious and parsimonious policy toward state institutions. Utterly refused in 1872 and again in 1879 to make any appropriation whatever for the state normal schools. Kept the university and other state schools during the entire period on a semi-starvation basis compared with state universities and educational institutions in other commonwealths.

Refused again and again to pass the primary law promised in their party platform, though a Democratic legislature was called in special session for that purpose by a Republican governor.

MOTHER OF "HELLO GIRLS" WORKS TO GET THEM BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS



TESSIE DEUTSCH

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—After their daily work at the switchboard, telephone operators employed by one of the big companies here, will return to homes supervised and cared for by a woman especially employed for this purpose.

Miss Tessie Deutsch is the social supervisor. She inspects conditions at the homes of operators, gives needed advice for their betterment, visits

the window glass trade before taking up police work here.

Dam 19 in the Ohio river was completed this week. This dam is at Parkersburg and it will help navigation on the Little Kanawha. When the other dams in course of construction between Parkersburg and Pittsburgh are finished there will be a nine-foot stage throughout the year between that point and Parkersburg and trade will be uninterrupted by variations in the stream flow.

The Grafton Sentinel recently printed the following: "Fred Martin was displaying a many today a magnificent apple which he brought down from Oakland several of which have been given to him by a neighbor here. This magnificent specimen weighed over a pound and a half. Mr. Martin said that a dozen given to him and another gentleman weighed a shade over 12 pounds. The apple is from a young tree in the middle of a well cultivated garden. It is of the Wolf River variety and of a beautiful dark red apple."

E. D. K.'s Column

CURING A COLD

By Charles B. Driscoll
I woke one morning feeling dead; A cold, I found, was in my head. I cursed it once, I hollered twice, "You came not here on my advice!" The words came forth all out of shape, Like gibes of some ancestral ape, Hoarse croakings of a football fan, Or gurglings of a drowning man.

I blew my long and useful nose As some lost ship her siren blows, And neighbors rushed out with the cry.

"I know I heard the chief go by! The ladder truck is coming, too! I like that siren's sound, don't you?" So, shamed and chastened thus, I went Forth to my work, on duty bent.

The kind, uncanny, helpful folk, The self-important, drooling blokes, And all the fish I met that day Had good advice to give away! If I had taken their advice My frame would now repose on ice, But I sought out a prison cell And lay there till the cold was well.

YOU CAN TELL WHEN A WOMAN IS INTERESTED IN SOME MAN BY THE WAY SHE CAN PRETEND THAT SHE ISN'T.

NOT EASY TO SELL
WANTED—Canvassers to sell church people on commission.—K. Bradford—Adv. in the Hornwell (N. Y. Times).

YOU CAN GENERALLY TELL FALSE TEETH FROM REAL ONES BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE PERFECT THAN NATURAL TEETH.

For the sake of a few votes the Democratic county ring protects bootlegging and makes a joke of the Yost law. Vote the ring out of office.

COLD GONE! HEAD AND NOSE CLEAR

FIRST DOSE OF "PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND" RELIEVES ALL GRIPPE MISERY.

Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffling! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end grippe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs. It promptly opens clogged up nostrils and air passages; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. "Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and it costs only 25 cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute.

HALLOWE'EN MENUS

(By BIDDY EYE.)

Witches' night, in the old Celtic calendar, preceded All Saints' day, November 1. But the true spirit of Halloween can be traced back to the worship of Pomona, goddess of fruit trees, whose sacred day also fell on November 1. Modern celebrants who would get the true zest of Halloween must remember both traditions.

This is possible, even in making menus for the occasion. The four printed to-day cover simple and elaborate entertainments, and are arranged with reference to the festival of fruits and vegetables of halloween and ghosts, as well as to the autumn season.

FOR A HIGH JINK MUMMERY.

Brown Bread Sandwiches
Doughnuts
Cider
Molasses Taffy or Maple Candy
The "jinks" or guests are to be dressed in brown and are to keep "mum" during the evening, or at least while refreshments are served. The luncheon is all brown, and is to be served by "nut-brown" maids. The decorations are autumn leaves. An old-fashioned molasses taffy pull, or a maple stir-down completes the evening's entertainment.

FOR A PHOPHECY PARTY.

Futurist Sandwiches
Apple Salad
Bogey Pickles
Individual Pumpkin Pies
(Burn alcohol on the pies)
Coffee
This luncheon is to be served by gypsies who dance or tell fortunes in cabaret fashion. The decorations are fruits and vegetables, nuts, pumpkin lanterns, squash vines and corn stalks. Futurist sandwiches are cut in extraordinary shapes, and no two have the same filling. Or each may contain a prophetic verse wrapped in oiled paper.

FOR A GHOST DANCE.

Deviled Oysters
Bitter Bread
Cabbage Salad
Salted Nuts
Moon Cakes
Imp Ice Cream
Coffee or Grape Juice
The "bitter bread" is a highly spiced sandwich. The "moon cakes" are fortune-telling cakes, each one containing some prophetic symbol or a verse. The decorations are skulls and crossbones, horseshoes, four leaf clo-

vers, jack lanterns. While the luncheon is served green fire is burned on the table and ghost stories are told by the guests. The refreshments are passed by ghosts. All lights should have green shades.

FOR A WITCHES' RIGADOON.

Black Broth in Cups
Black Bread and Black Walrus Sandwiches
Mushroom Pickles
Blackhand (fortune telling) Cake
Black Coffee
Licorice Candy
The decorations are all in black and consist of witches, hobgoblins, cats, bats, toads, brooms, etc. The luncheon is served by witches who weave spells and chant menacing rhymes as they work. Freak dancing, solo or ensemble, finishes the evening.

Put some new blood in the county government and stop the favoritism. Elect Republican candidates.

QUICK RELIEF FROM CONSTIPATION

Get Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

That is the joyful cry of those since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel. Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients with chronic constipation and torpid livers. Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing vegetable laxative. No gripping is the "keynote" of the little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels and liver to function normally. They never force them into unnatural action. If you have a "dark brown moon" now and then—a bad breath—a dazed feeling—sick headache—tired liver and are constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant relief from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime. Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try the 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.



Answer Promptly

Promptness in answering is a courtesy that your telephone caller appreciates; delay may cause him to abandon the call.

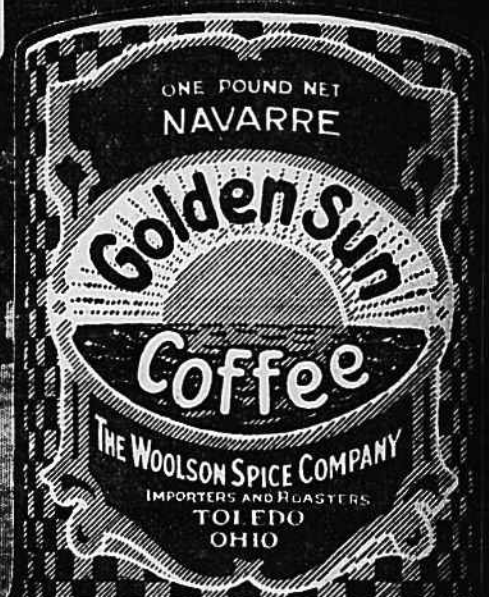
Records show that in nearly seven out of every one hundred telephone calls there is a delay of more than a minute before the called party answers, and in one of each four of these cases the party calling does not wait.

The habit of answering your telephone promptly is one that will do much to improve the service not only to yourself, but to those who call you.



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BITS OF STATE NEWS

According to the Wellsburg Herald Congressman M. M. Neely has nominated Glenn B. Wade, of that city, to be a cadet at the Annapolis Naval Academy. The vacancy will occur in June of next year.

Oil will be burned instead of gas in heating the open hearth furnaces at the Follansbee sheet and tin plate plant if an experiment now under way works out successfully. Two large oil tanks are now under completion in the mill yards near Ohio street, Follansbee. These will be storage tanks for the large quantity of oil to be kept on

hand a all times. The tanks will be finished in a week or two and the experiment will be made of trying to keep the furnaces in regulation heat, as is done by gas.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has just completed an industrial survey of Clarksburg and Harrison county and a proof of the survey has been submitted to Secretary George W. Dunderer, of the Clarksburg board of trade. The report shows Clarksburg to have a population of approximately 23,500. The banks have approximately \$5,000 separate and distinct depository accounts. Over \$14,000,000 in resources and over \$11,000,000 in deposits. In 1912, Clarksburg's freight revenues were \$1,521,542.15; in 1914, revenues were \$1,738,578.22; in 1915, seven months of 1916, revenues were \$1,293,415.37. Judging from the compilation of September revenues, Clarksburg will run over two and one-half million dollars for this year. Post-office receipts have increased over 600 per cent in the past sixteen years, according to the survey and approximately 21,000 people are served with mail in the free city carrier limits of Clarksburg.

At a meeting of the state executive committee of the West Virginia Sunday School Association, to be held at the Young Men's Christian Association at Wheeling, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it is likely that some definite action will be taken relative to moving the headquarters of the state association from Wheeling to another city. It is claimed that Wheeling is not central and that another city in the central or southern part of the state would be better for the headquarters.

Policeman Stephen Davis has been appointed chief of police of Morgantown to succeed Carl Beebe who resigned with Office Fred Bert to go to Clarksburg where they will take up positions with a window glass factory there, having been engaged in